

15th July 2019

Dear Parents & Carers,

Well we have all finally made it to the last week of term, of what has been another exceptionally busy year here at Phoenix. Please look out for our newsletter which will be coming out during August and reflects just some of the great opportunities that the students have experienced throughout the year.

Please find below the details of the end of term arrangements for Friday as well as some reminders for the new school year in September.

Activities Day

Thursday 18th July is our annual activities day and all but a few students (who are taking part in events on site) will go out of school on trips.

End of term arrangements

Students will take part in a range of activities during the morning of **Friday 19th July** and **finish school at 12.20pm**.

Return date for September

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that **ALL** students will return to school on **Wednesday 4th September 2019**.

08.40am - Year 7 students to arrive and report to the school hall

09.30am - Year 12 students to arrive and report to the school hall

11.20am - Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 students to arrive and report to their tutors in form rooms for P3

11.30am - Year 13 students to arrive and report to the school hall

All students should be dressed in their full school uniform. This includes their ID badges - full details of which are provided on the school website at www.aspirebelievesucceed.com

Punctuality (reminder)

We are keen to ensure that students continue to arrive punctually to school and lessons throughout the year. Students should aim to arrive at school by 8.30am and no later than 8.40am. Lessons start at 8.45am. Can I thank you for your support in ensuring that your children leave home in good time to arrive at school on time.

Uniform

Before the start of a new term, many parents get their children some new uniform including shoes etc. Please do not let your children encourage you to buy black trainers which are sometimes placed in the school shoe sections of some shoe shops, as these do not meet our uniform policy.

Please see our website for further information on uniform. Reminder: note that hooded tops are not acceptable either.

Healthy drinks in school

We are still concerned at the volume of unhealthy drinks we see in school including high sugar fizzy drinks and even the likes of energy drinks. For the benefit of students in terms of both general health and their dental health, the Governors took the decision to make this a healthy drinking school back in January 2018. First and foremost, we want water to be the drink of choice for all students – we are lucky enough to have drinking water fountains and dispensers to refill bottles at a number of locations across school. Please send your child to school with an empty bottle each day to allow them to refill and keep hydrated during the day.

Please do not send your child to school with a fizzy or energy drink, including diet varieties as, if seen in school, **these will be confiscated and discarded with no return to students** at the end of the day. We would also ask you to encourage your child to make appropriate drink purchases should they do this on the way to school.

We thank you for your support and hope you agree that this is a positive step to take, with real health benefits to your child.

ParentPay

Reminder to parents/carers that as part of our move to becoming a cashless school we are encouraging you to activate your ParentPay account. Please note that we no longer accept cash into school for school trips, revision guides etc. The schools preferred method of payment for meals is ParentPay but cash will still be accepted via the reval machines. Note that we are planning to phase this facility out in the future.

Please contact the finance office on extension 107 for additional information.

Launch of our ParentPay Shop

We are pleased to announce the launch of our ParentPay online shop that you can access directly via our school website.

This will allow other family members to purchase items such as school ties and revision guides without having a personal log in to ParentPay.

To use our shop, simply select the quantity of each item you wish to purchase and checkout using the cart icon.

The online shop will run alongside the existing ParentPay service, which parents/carers can use to pay for school trips and other items.

Please contact the finance office on extension 107 for additional information.

All that remains is for me to extend my sincere thanks to you for your support during the last academic year and wish you all a very pleasant summer break.

Yours faithfully



Mike Smith

Head teacher